THE DISCOVERY

Of a great and wicked Conspiracy against this Kingdom in generall, and the City of *London* in particular.

Being a Letter sent from the *Hague* in *Holland*, and directed to Secretary *Nicholas*, but intercepted by the way, and read in both Houses of Parliament on Saterday the 26 of *November*. 1642.

Also, what great preparations of money, men, and Arms, there is now made in *Holland*, *France*, and *Denmark*, to assist the Kings Majesty in *England*. With the manner how the said Letter was intercepted and taken.

Whereunto is added, An Order by the Lord Major, for the raising of 30000 l. in the City of *London*.

Die Sabbathi, 26 Novemb. 1642.

ORdered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that this Letter be forthwith printed and published, and read in all Parish Churches within the City of London and the Suburbs thereof, by the Parsons, Vicars, or Curates of the same.

J. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

LONDON:
Printed for *Ed. Blackmore*. Novemb. 28. 1642.

THE

DISCOVERY

Of [illegible] and wise [illegible] against this Kingdom in [illegible] the City.

Being a Letter [illegible] in [illegible], and directed to Secretary [illegible]

[illegible]

Also the great preparation of money, men, and [illegible] to assist the Kings Majesty in [illegible]. With the manner how the first Letter was intercepted and taken.

Where unto is added, An Order by [illegible] Major, for the [illegible] in the City of [illegible].

Die Sabbathi, 20 Novemb. 1642.

O[illegible] Chancellor of the City of London [illegible] by the Parsons, Vicars, or Churches of the same.

J. Brown Clerk Parliamentorum.

LONDON:
Printed for [illegible]. Novemb. 23. 1642.

IT is now long ſince I had the opportunitie of writing to you, but ſince my firſt have not heard any thing from you at all; The occaſion of our long ſtay here, was firſt the expectation of our Iriſh ſhips, next the raiſing money, which the propoſition of *Newcaſtle* drew as faſt as it could advance, the failing of the Ships had it not been ſupplyed by the reputation of the Kings ſucceſſe at Land, had given us a dangerous blow here; but that hath ſo ſupported our credit that the Prince of *Orange* hath ſince plaid his part, and advanced all thoſe ſummes we were to expect, of which 20000. l. is ſent towards you, 20000. l. to *Newcaſtle*, and 20000. l. at leaſt we bring with us, beſides the great buſineſſe which we expect this day a finall end of, which will advance 60000 l. more, in which we are aſcertained of the Prince of *Orange* his utmoſt power; ſuch nevertheleſſe we apprehend the importance of the Queenes being in *England*, that we had gone this laſt weeke, and expected the coming of that after, had not an unſeaſonable complement from your ſide ſtopt us, till this expreſſe ſent to you: the fleet is now ready, and this weeke we certainly goe, if thoſe counſels, or chances, that move to dilatory reſolutions, move not more effectually then the certaine advantages of our expedition and diſpatch from hence, all our affaires now done, and nothing more to be expected. That you may

know upon what grounds we goe, and what securitie we expect there, and what advantage you in the South are to derive from it, you must know we have sent over 10000 foot armes, besides the Garrison neere 2000 horse armes, and 20 peece of Canon; we bring over wagons and all accommodation to march so soon as we arrive, we carry very considerable Officers from hence, and by the advice we receive from that side 8000 men are on foot already, 6 Tropps of Horse, and the rest will not be long on raising after we come there. Generall *King* is designed for Lievtenant-generall, hath been with the Queen, and will be suddenly there. From *Denmarke* are likewise sent Arms for 10000 foot, and 1500 horse, with a traine of Artillery, and every thing proportionable, to the very Drums and Halbards. Two good men of warre come their Convoy, and in them an Embassadour to His Majesty, a person of great qualitie in *Denmarke*, I hope it will be a generall care there to see him Nobly treated, for the entertainment and neglect of the last was much complained of, and is so much insented by the King, that it had like to have frustrated all our expectations in that Court, had not *Cochran* very handsomely evaded it, he comes along with the Embassadour, with whom if you encounter you will communicate some Propositions of great importance, which in how much the fewer hands they are carried, will be so much the better liked by them you are to deale with, if my imployment in this affaire may fall upon your servant that writes to you, I know you will not be unmindfull of him.

We have great apprehensions here by something intimated from my Lord of *Holland*, of a treaty further entred into then we have advertisement of, or can well approve,

prove; We have confidently beleeved your approaching *London*, (if you had not made too long ſtay upon the way) would have determined that matter, and what the difficulties are now of that we cannot yet underſtand, for if intelligence from hence came as freely to you as to us, the Kings partie there are very conſiderable, and full of that expectation, and a day or two loſſe of time by the late example of *Hull*, may be judged of what contrary conſequences it may produce.

We heare my Lord of *Eſſex* approaches *London*, but beleeve he will be ſo waited on by the Kings Horſe, not to let him joyne with their Forces there, being now ſo lame an Army without Horſe or Canon, as the Relations you ſend hither makes him to be. We beleeve the Kings Horſe likewiſe, now ſo great a body, that it will be as troubleſome as unneceſſary for them to ſubſiſt together, and thinke ſo many Troops might be well ſpared as might be ſent into *Kent*, to countenance a partie to be ſet on foote there, which according to our intelligence here would undoubtedly be found very affectionate and conſiderable, ſo that by ſparing 500 Horſe, you might poſſibly adde to your Army 5000 Foote, to be imployed upon the River on that ſide the Towne.

If the unhappy interception had not come of the laſt weeks Letters, we had undoubtedly been with you on the other ſide in *Norfolk* and *Eſſex*, within three weekes, and in that condition having all the Kingdome behinde us on every ſide, it will not be hard to judge whether ſhould have been better able to ſubſiſt, they within the Towne, or the Kings Army without; admit my Lord of *Eſſex* were gotten in, or that the Towne had not yeelded it ſelfe ſo ſoone as you had approached, you may yet cer-

tainly presume on this, that our being once on foote we shall be able to collect for you all the 400000 l. Subsidies, universally throughout the Kingdome, which will make the Kings Army subsist, and weare out theirs, besides which the money we bring; what we expect from *Denmarke*, and *France*, are all encouragements to make us expect no Treaties to be admitted, but upon termes of great advantage and honour to His Majesty, those you are best able to judge of upon the place. If the King have use of them, I am confident you may expect from *France*, (so soone as you set footing in *Kent*, and shall intimate you desire the same) the three Regiments of His Majesties own Subjects there imployed, under Colonell *Hill*, Colonell *Fitz-williams*, and Colonell *Beling*: your Letters directed to *Newcastle* will direct our addresses to *France*, for I hope wee shall yet be there before you can returne any in answer to this.

Hague, Novemb. 22. 1642.

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The manner how this aforeſaid letter was intercepted and taken.

ON *Saterday morning the Gentleman that brought this letter from* Holland *came up to* London *in a* Graveſend-boat, *intending to land at* Brainford, *and therefore for the more expedition ſhot the Bridge, which being perceived by one of the Pinaces that lie on this ſide for the guard of the City and Parliament, and being known to be a* Graveſend-boat, *which alwayes land on the other ſide at* Billinſgate: *they called to them to know their buſineſſe; But they not regarding their ſummons ſtill poſted away, whereupon the men in the ſhip made after them and hald them in, examined the Gentleman, and having ſome ſuſpition ſearcht him, and found this with ſome other letters about him; whereupon they preſently carried him up to the Parliament, where after examination his letters were taken from him, and he committed to ſafe cuſtody.*

This letter (as is ſuppoſed) was writ by Collonell *Goring.*

By

By the Maior.

WHereas certain Letters from fortain parts and severall places of the Kingdom have been intercepted, and brought unto the Parliament, discovering the desperate designes and plots of Papists and other ill affected, in collecting great sums of money, and providing many thousands of men and Armis, for the ruine of our Religion and Kingdom. For the preservving and securing whereof, there is great necessity of a present and speedy supply of money, that the Army may suddenly advance, for preventing of the many outrages that the Cavaleers daily commit in severall places of this Kingdom at once; & in regard the burthen hath hitherto lain upon the willing and well-affected persons; the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament have passed an Ordinance, that all such persons as hitherto have not contributed, or not proportionable to their estates, upon the Propositions of Parliament, for the safety of the Kingdom, shall be assessed and compelled to contribute and pay according to their ability. And forasmuch as moneys cannot be advanced by vertue of that Ordinance, to supply the urgent and pressing occasions of the Army; It is desired by a Committee of the Lords and Commons, appointed by the Parliament, for advancing of moneys, that a sum of 30000 l. might be raised by Tuesday in the afternoon, and all such as shall lend any money for the present raising of the same, shall be repayed their moneys so lent out, of the first moneys that shall be collected upon the said Ordinance: and for the better advancing of this necessary service, the Ministers of every Parish are requested, publickly to stir up their Parishioners hereunto, and that the Church wardens of every Parish cause an assembly of the Parishioners to morrow after Sermon, in the afternoon, that amongst them they raise a proportionable summe, and that upon Munday next, at three of the clock in the afternoon the Church-wardens appear at Guild hall before the said Committee, to give an account of what moneys they have raised.

Dated Novemb. 26. 1642. *Isaac Pennington* Major.

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